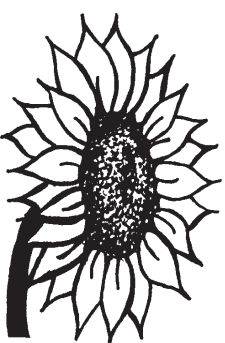


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At the Game

Indians
earn
victory

By Betty Jean Winston

St. Francis mounted a big offensive push during the second quarter and rolled to a 46-0 victory over the Decatur Community High School football team Friday night in Oberlin. The 30 points scored in the second frame, added to the eight points already on the board, gave the Indians a 38-0 halftime advantage.

Sainty added another touchdown early in the third quarter for the final eight points. Many young Indians had a chance to show their stuff during the remainder of the game. Each opportunity a player has to gain experience adds depth to the St. Francis roster.

"I was pleased with the outcome," Coach Tim Lambert said. "Winning the first game gives the season a good start. It is a good thing."

Last year St. Francis lost a close 21-18 game to the Red Devils in a home contest, one of the two games they lost during the first part of the season, the other one being to Oakley.

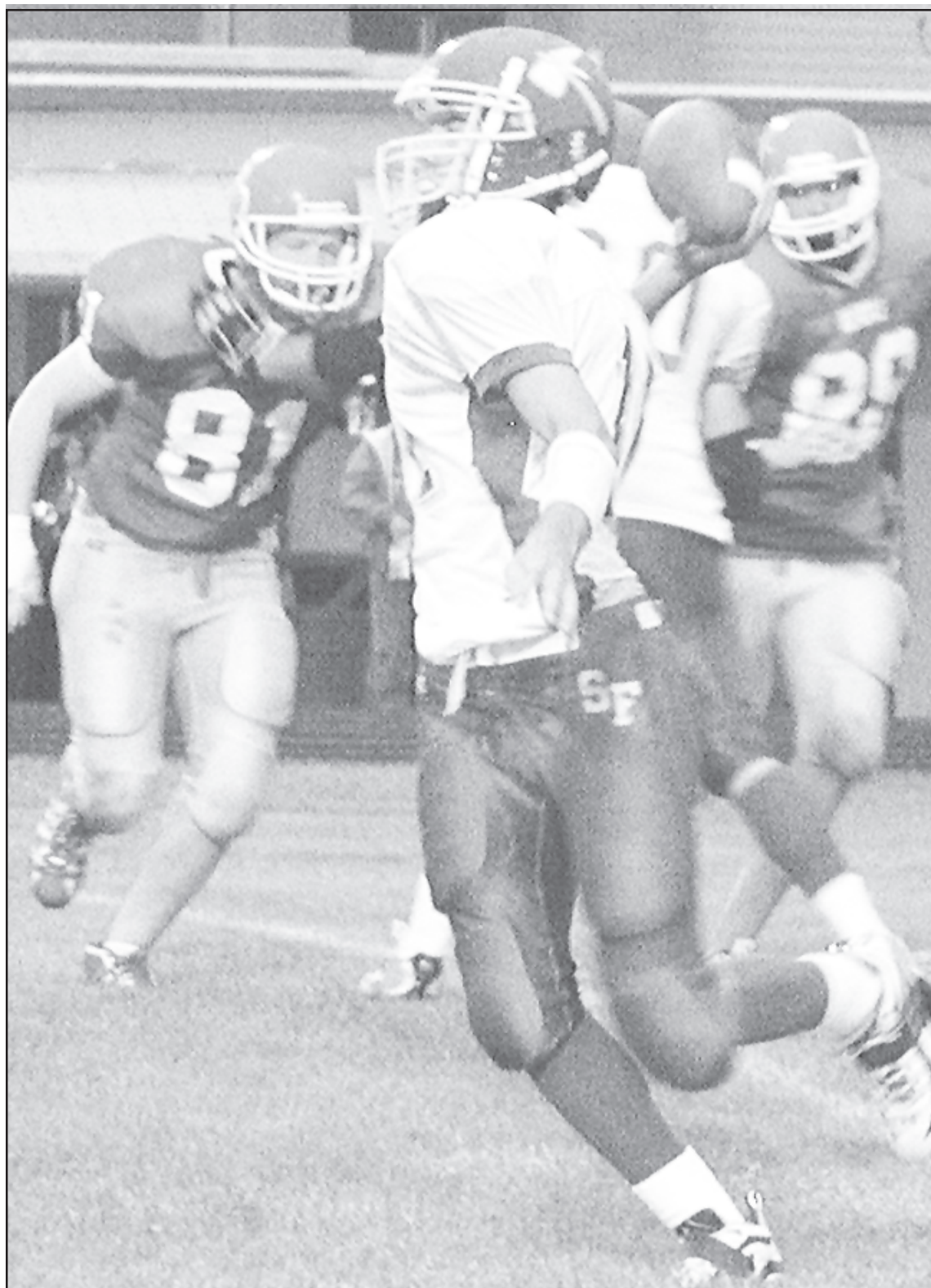
A total of 375 yards on the ground plus 46 in the air told a good part of the story in Oberlin Friday night, especially when the defense worked hard, holding the Red Devils to 94 yards. Two fumble recoveries, one by BJ Killingsworth and one by Jordan Gienger, and a pass interception by Nathan Ketzner, were also recorded by the defense.

The effort by the Indians had the Sainty fans on their feet early in the game. Most of these supporters had been anticipating the opening game and are now looking forward to the home opener on Friday night against Goodland. Rawlins County defeated Goodland Friday night.

"It's the first home game and we are excited to be playing at home," Coach Lambert said. "We're just excited to play another football game."

Although St. Francis came away from their first series of play in Oberlin near the goal line but without a score, they quickly returned to the offense when Oberlin fumbled on their first play. With the ball belonging to the Indians within 10-yard of the Red Devil goal line, Sainty made quick work of scoring. It was Justin McAtee who went the final 2 yards for the touchdown. Quarterback Ted Crabtree added two points with a conversion run and the Indians held an 8-0 lead.

Before the first quarter ended, St. Francis was again on the march, a long one, but the effort hit pay dirt near the opening of the second frame. Crabtree broke loose on a 24-yard run into the end zone for the score. Good blocking was an essen-



QUARTERBACK Ted Crabtree takes to the air during an Indian offensive play. He gained 46 yards on four completions.

Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

ential part of this play.

Also in the second quarter, a touchdown was scored as the final result of an interception by Ketzner. With the ball on the 41-yard line the Indians moved forward until David Guthmiller went in from 3-yards out. Crabtree went to the air to Adam Peter for the point-after completion.

After another three-and-out by Oberlin's offense, Sainty took over the ball. J. McAtee took the first play from scrimmage 37-yard for the score. A Crabtree run again added two points.

The final opportunity in the second quarter came on a 75-yard drive. McAtee scored on a 4-yard run with Guthmiller adding the two additional points.

It was halftime and the Indians had a nice 38-0 effort.

Jordan Gienger completed the next 61-yard drive when the yard-by-yard Indians reached the 2-yard line. Gienger went in from there with J. McAtee accumulating the

final two points on the after-touchdown run.

Several leaders immersed in the game stats with J. McAtee having the most rushing yards with 131 on 16 attempts and Levi Weeden and Justin Sherlock each accounting for nine tackles. The Indians as a team collected 19 first downs.

Team stats

St. Francis listed first followed by Decatur Community: first downs: 19/4; rushing attempts and net yardage: 58 attempts for 375 yards/25 attempts for 90 yards; passing yardage: 46/4; total offense: 421/94; fumbles lost: 1/2; penalties: six for 36 yards/four for 34 yards.

Individual stats

Rushing: J. McAtee, 131 yards on 16 attempts; Gienger, 69 yards on nine attempts; Guthmiller, 62 yards on 13 attempts; Crabtree, 62 yards on eight attempts; Trent Raile, 26 yards on four attempts; Trevor Hilt, 15 yards on four attempts; Jesse Pacheco, 8 yards on two attempts; Trent Kinen, 2 yards

on two attempts.

Passing: Crabtree, seven attempts, four completions, 46 yards, no interception

Pass receivers: J. McAtee, one for 15 yards; Gienger, one for 15 yards; Peter, one for 9 yards; AJ McAtee, one for 7 yards.

Kickoffs: Weeden, five for 150 yards, a 30-yard average.

Scoring: J. McAtee 20, Crabtree 10; Guthmiller 8; Gienger 6; Peter 2.

Tackles: Sherlock 9, Weeden 9, J. McAtee 6, AJ McAtee 5, Crabtree 4, Peter 3, Gienger 3, Russell Rogers 3, Sam Sowers 3, Raile 3, Killingsworth 2, Brennon Wilger 2, Mac Frewen 2, Ketzner 2, Kinen 2, Guthmiller 1, Ethan Zweygardt 1.

League scores

Weekend scores involving Northwest Kansas League teams include: St. Francis 46, Decatur Community 0; Rawlins County 20, Goodland 6; Oakley 45, Ness City/Dighton 0; Quinter 25, Hill City 20; Hoxie vs Colby.

Sainty wins two
during opener

By Betty Jean Winston

Two match wins opened the season for the junior varsity volleyball team on Tuesday in games played in St. Francis. Sainty defeated Hoxie 25-11, 25-20 and Golden Plains 25-22, 25-14.

"This was a great start to the new season," Coach Jeff Olofson said.

"In the first match against Hoxie the young Lady Indians got off to a very fast start. This is important in volleyball because it is hard to recover many points in rally-score games.

"The second game was much closer but we were able to side out at crucial times and we won the game. The concentration on the court was good throughout the game.

"Golden Plains has usually been a very good serving team and this team was no exception. To beat a team that serves well required good passes to the setter and we passed fairly well. With good sets we could attack and keep the opponents from running their offense.

"At times we did not serve well and this is something that will need to be addressed. If we miss serves at crucial times it is very hard to win. The other thing that we will emphasize is communication on the court. The young ladies did a good job at times but they were too quiet at other times."

Sainty will be home again on Tuesday and will meet teams from Sharon Springs and Wray.

Team plays well;
lacks experience

Golden Plains and Hoxie defeated the St. Francis C-team in volleyball action on Tuesday, Aug. 29.

St. Francis forced Golden Plains into three games by winning the second one 25-15. Golden Plains won their two games by scores of 25-12 and 25-9, therefore taking the match. Hoxie scored a match win in two games (25-17 and 25-21).

"This year's C-teamers exceeded expectations Tuesday night in their first night of play," Coach Talley Morrow said. "We are starting 'from scratch' a bit this year, as six out of the nine team members didn't play volleyball last year. This really put us

behind in skill level, but after what I saw Tuesday night, I'm certain of the improvement that is sure to be seen. They really worked hard and after tasting some success (taking Golden Plains to three games), I'm sure they will want to taste more.

"As of right now, our strength is serving. It seemed that when we could get the serve, we could score some points. We will have to focus on our serve-receive skills so that we will be more able to set the ball up for an attack. It is going to be an exciting season, just to see the improvement that is going to take place with these kids. With six more week of play, they will be a different team."

St. Francis scores
win over Oberlin

By Betty Jean Winston

The junior high boys football team scored in the opening quarter and the final quarter Thursday night to take a 12-7 victory over Oberlin. It was the opening game of the season and a good start for the young Indians as they begin their new campaign.

"For the first game of the year, I was generally pleased with our effort," Coach Jeff Beims said. "We have a core group of eighth graders that go hard, and we had a couple of seventh graders really step up in their inaugural game."

"However, we seem to have an

issue right now with a lack of good ole' country boy toughness. We need more of our team willing to deliver a hit. We also need to get better at recognizing things as they happen on the field."

The score in the first inning came on an Adam Guthmiller 3-yard run while the six points in the fourth quarter was also on a running play.. a 1-yard run by Brett Lampe. On both occasions the conversion attempts failed.

Sainty will take their 1-0 record to Quinter tonight (Thursday) to meet another Northwest Kansas League team.

Ladies split games during home action

By Betty Jean Winston

The St. Francis Lady Indians opened their varsity volleyball schedule at home on Tuesday night, Aug. 29, in competition with Golden Plains and Hoxie. They ended the evening with a 1-1 record.

This was a better start than last year when they recorded a 0-2 evening

"The girls played well together, executed pretty well for this early in the season, and competed hard," Coach Kent Kechter said. "I was disappointed that we didn't win both matches, but the girls did a lot of good things."

The Sainty ladies played both Oberlin and Colby on Tuesday night in Colby with results next week.

"Colby was a state placer last season with everyone returning," Coach Kechter said. "They could be the best 4A team in the state."

"The Gove County Tournament (Saturday in Grinnell) should provide some great competition. Many of the schools have outstanding teams with loads of experience. We'll be tested! It will help us evaluate our team status early. It will only help us get better."

The season is beginning with a

steady stream of games as Sainty will then entertain Sharon Springs and Wray on Tuesday. It is nice to have two home outings so early in the season so local fans can get acquainted with the Lady Indians style of ball.

vs Hoxie 29-27, 25-13

Hoxie was the first match for the Sainty ladies and they were pushed to an exciting opening game by Hoxie with Sainty coming out with a 29-27 win.

"It was nice to get a victory in our opening match of the season," Coach Kechter said. "As always, Hoxie as a good program with some quality athletes. We played fairly well for our first match of the year."

"We got off to a slow start in game one and trailed 24-15. We made a great comeback and tied the score at 24 before losing serve. Lauren (Ross) did a great job of serving for consistency during this trying stretch of the game."

"We finally took the lead at 27-26 and went on to win 29-27. It was exciting to watch the girls play without much error for an extended period of time."

The exhausting first game seemed to turn the momentum over

to the Sainty ladies and they went on to win the match.

St. Francis was 86.5 percent from the serving line in this match. Being 100 percent in five or more attempts was Megan Rice (11/11). Shaina Gohl and Rice had two aces apiece while Ross and Dara Loyd each had one.

Service points: Rice 9, Ross 9, Loyd 8, Gohl 3, Kattie Ford 2, Addie Swihart 1.

The team hitting percentage was 85.7 with Alecia Zimbelman being 100 percent with 8-of-8. Rice, with 20, handled the most attempts. She was 17-of-20 for 85 percent. Others having a number of opportunities were Holly Keller with 12-of-14 for 85.7 percent and Ross with 10-of-14 for 71.4 percent. Having kills were Rice 6, Ross 3, Zimbelman 3, Ford 2, Gohl 1, Keller 1.

Five different players had a setting opportunity with Loyd (20) and Zimbelman (19) having the most attempts. Zimbelman was 100 percent while Loyd was 96.

The team had 71 passing attempts with 37 on target and another 26 playable. Ross had the most attempts with 26. She had 15 on tar-

get and eight more playable.

Keller had the only block while Ford led in stuffs with three. Rice and Ross each had four digs or saves.

vs Golden Plains 23-25, 22-25

St. Francis played Golden Plains in the second match of the day. Neither game was a run-away for Golden Plains as the Lady Indians played close.

"We played better against Golden Plains for most of the match than we did against Hoxie," Coach Kechter said. "Golden Plains played very well also. They did a great job of attacking with the serve (as they always do). We missed a few too many serves and made some errors to give Golden Plains the victory in two close games."

Having the most serves were Ross (10/11) and Loyd (9/10). The team had 84.4 percent good serves.

Service points: Ross 8, Loyd 6, Zimbelman 5, Rice 4, Katie Marin 1

Rice with 17, Ross with 16 and Zimbelman with 15 had the most hitting attempts for the Lady Indians. Rice and Ross were successful 14 times, and Zimbelman was successful 13 times. The team was 81.6



GOODSERVING — Megan Rice was 11-for-11 in her serves against Hoxie.

percent.

Kills recorded included Ross 7, Rice 6, Zimbelman 4, Ford 1, Keller 1.

The majority of the setting was handled by Loyd with 34 attempts, 33 on target or playable.

The team had 101 passing at-

tempts from 10 players. Ross had 36 attempts with a 75 percent rate of success. Danielle Flemming had the best percent with six attempts, five on target and one playable.

Ross had one block while Ford led in stuffs with three and Rice in digs/saves with six.